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MEMORANDUM

TO: Regional Operations Chiefs, Regional Administrators and Wardens

FROM: A. David Robinson, Corrections Operations Chief 

SUBJECT: REVISED - Personal Hygiene Products for Female Offender Visitors

The CONPASS DV Full Body Security Screening System is one of the newest technology equipment implemented to assist with our search procedures in support of the Department's continuing effort to combat the substantial amount of contraband entering DOC facilities. Since implementation, use of the body screening system has effectively captured multiple images of hidden objects on the person of staff, volunteers and visitors.

As a result of recent inquiries about feminine hygiene products being an ideal way to conceal contraband, the following procedural requirements and practices have been developed to address this concern:

Offender visitors shall be notified that the use of tampons and or menstrual cup products are no longer permitted to be worn during visitation. Signage shall be posted by the facility to alert visitors that the use of tampons and or menstrual cup hygiene items during visitation are prohibited.

Offender visitors who have been recognized by the body scanner machine having a foreign object that could possibly be a tampon and has failed to remove such item prior to being screened, will have their visitation terminated for the day and will have their visitation privileges reviewed.

The Facility Unit Head shall review each case of termination and determine if any further restrictions are warranted.

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cc: Harold Clarke, Director
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